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Study abroad during a pandemic

Erin Brody, *Staff Writer*

Three Saint Vincent students studying abroad in Mexico in 2018. (SOURCE: SVC FLICKR)

Traveling restrictions became familiar obstructions to travel as the COVID-19 pandemic raged worldwide, and since the deadly virus still remains present in our everyday lives, many countries continue to place limits on visitors. But with the widespread introduction of vaccines, which has sparked a slow reopening of travel and gathering around the world, will Saint Vincent's Study Abroad program start back up?

According to Jody Marsh, the director of the newly minted Office of Global and Community Engagement, the answer is yes; however, not everyone on campus may be eligible to participate.

"All members traveling are supposed to be fully vaccinated," Marsh said. "And reasonable efforts are to be made to avoid COVID-19 hotspots while they're in their destination."

While some students may see the policy as unfair, Marsh reported that most countries require an individual to be fully vaccinated in order to visit.

Ben Tantalo, freshman finance and accounting major, expressed his disappointment and surprise with the policy, since he reported that he believed

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Expansion of Honors housing at Saint Vincent

Delaney Fox, *Staff Writer*

Last year, the Saint Vincent community witnessed the introduction of Honors housing on campus, which began with two freshmen Honors pods in Saint Benedict Hall. The freshman Honors housing has continued into this year, and its success has led to the creation of a new housing set-up this semester: upperclassmen Honors housing.

Two floors of Wimmer Hall were set aside for use as Honors housing during the 2021-2022 academic year. Upperclassmen students who received the Wimmer Scholarship or who belong to one of the five components of the honors community at Saint Vincent—the Honors Program, Benedictine Leadership Studies, Aurelius Scholars, STEP Scholars and Fred Rogers Scholars—were given the option to join Honors housing while registering for housing during the spring 2021 semester.

Students were notified in the spring of 2021 that the two floors were scheduled for renovations that would be completed prior to the fall 2021 move-in date in an email from Robert Baum, Dean of Students.

Part of those renovations included several perks for the students living in the Honors housing. Each floor received a Keurig, a microwave and bookshelves—which have been stocked with books donated by different departments at Saint Vincent.

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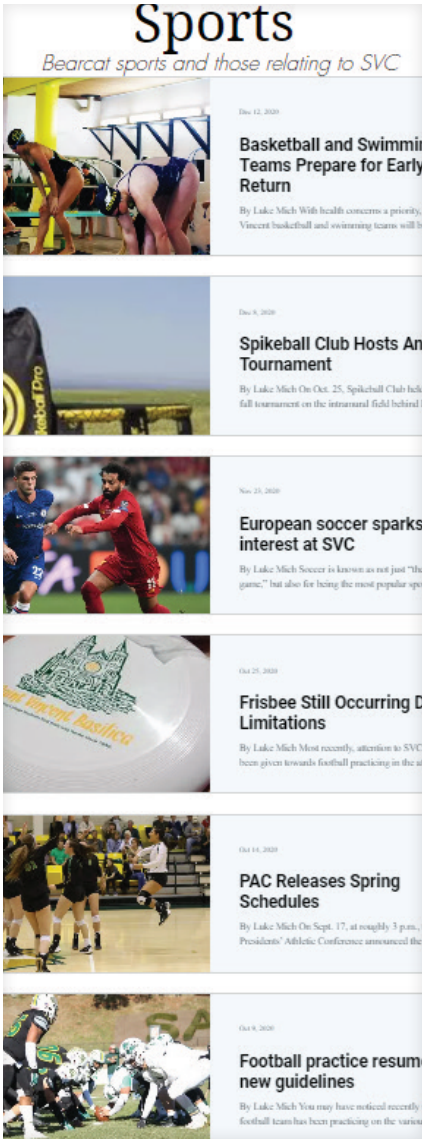

Will restrictions limit students from traveling?

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the program would be functioning as it had before the start of the pandemic.

As a member of SVC's McKenna School of Business, Tantalo, who is unvaccinated, was looking forward to traveling to Portugal over spring break with other members of his major or studying elsewhere internationally for a semester.

He also considered joining Campus Ministry for their service trip to Brazil. But so far, there is no information regarding whether Campus Ministry must follow the same guidelines as the Study Abroad program.

Lindsey Benjamin, freshman biology major, also expressed her shock regarding the Study Abroad vaccination policy. Although she is vaccinated, Benjamin agreed with Tantalo's viewpoint and explained that she believed unvaccinated students should still have the option to study abroad.

Benjamin recognized that many countries do not allow unvaccinated people to travel within their borders, but she also said that not every country is instituting such a policy.

"I feel like it's not really [the school's] decision," Benjamin said. "If countries allow unvaccinated people in, then I feel it would be okay to let unvaccinated people go to those specific countries."

As the program does begin to reopen, students who are interested in studying abroad can find more information about specific trips and fill out a portfolio at https://mysv.stvincent.edu/Academics/GlobalandCommunityEngagement/Pages/default.aspx.

"All members traveling are supposed to be fully vaccinated, and reasonable efforts are to be made to avoid COVID-19 hotspots while they're in their destination."
-Jody Marsh, Director of the Office of Global and Community Engagement

The Honors floors foster community

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Water bottle filling stations were also installed on the two floors.

One of the challenges upperclassmen Honors housing presented was the integration of students who lived in the Honors pods last year and students new to Honors housing.

Every student who lived in an Honors pod last year elected to live in Honors housing this year, including Dylan Slebodnik, a sophomore history and education major.

"Coming from the first section of Honors students, I think that the new students fit in well," Slebodnik said. "I think we push each other academically... and people are always willing to help each other."

Antonio Mucoz, a sophomore international business major, is new to Honors housing this year.

"I'd say not only were we welcomed, not only was it easy to get into the swing of things, but the most social floors that I've seen in this entire building are the Honors floors," Mucoz said. "There's no other floor community like it on campus."

Mucoz was also pleased with how Saint Vincent has handled the introduction of Honors housing.

"We have legitimate social diversity... I think that's a really big deal because it feels like Saint Vincent is focused more on students' character and drive rather than anything superficial," he said. "There's no exclusion from the Honors community. You have an open door."

Sophomore psychology major Jacob Rzempoluch, like Mucoz, is also new to Honors housing this year. He shared similar sentiments with Mucoz.

"I like how it still feels like a community despite the single rooms. I interact with a lot of different people and have lots of different conversations. It is a unique experience that you might not get in another dorm," Rzempoluch said.

Saint Vincent's got talent

Jackie Moon, *Part-Time Staff Writer*

Anna Doelling poses with a 32-inch flat-screen TV, her prize for winning first place at the Step into SVC talent show. (SOURCE: STEP INTO SVC INSTAGRAM)

Saint Vincent students had the opportunity to showcase their skills at the talent show organized by Step into SVC, the campus' new minority mentor program, on Oct. 22. The event ran for about an hour and a half and was located in Luparello Hall in Dupre. Few seats were left vacant as students poured into the hall to watch the talents of their peers.

One of the organizers of the event, Sanaa Langford—a sophomore biology major—said that the turnout was larger than she had expected.

"The goal of the talent show was to get people involved with Step into SVC and get our name out there with the student body," Langford said. "Most importantly, it was to have fun."

The show consisted of a wide variety of student performances. The performers sang, rapped, performed a step routine, and even juggled on the stage.

After the performances ended, the MCs of the night—Langford and Keila Lobos, Graduate Assistant of the Office of Multicultural Student Life—invited audience members to sing karaoke onstage while the judges finalized their decision.

After much deliberation, the judges agreed on the top three performances. Langford and JaQuaznai Parks Thomas, sophomore early childhood education major, received third place for their step performance. Alexandra Gronski, sophomore criminology major, earned second place for her cover of "Before He Cheats" by Carrie Underwood. Anna Doelling, sophomore biology major, won first prize with her rendition of Adele's "Someone Like You."

Step into SVC has already organized multiple events on campus this year that have experienced great turnouts. The program plans to coordinate more throughout the year.

SPORTS

SVC golf teams conclude fall campaigns

Luke Mich, *Sports Editor*

The men's golf team. In addition to playing invitationals, the team competed in a dual match against Pitt-Greensburg on Sept. 24, winning 3-2. (SOURCE: ATHLETICS.STVINCENT.EDU)

Both the men's and women's golf teams traveled to Ohio to participate in the PAC Conference Championships on Oct. 13 and 14. The men played in the city of Warren, whereas the women played in Ohio's Vienna. The head coach of both teams, Samantha Firestone, recapped what she saw from both teams over the two days.

"The PAC Championship has a really competitive field this year, and our athletes battled with every shot," Firestone said.

While the teams' scores were not as low as desired, Firestone said that "in the game of golf, that can happen on any given day."

The men's team finished in seventh place, and the women's team placed sixth.

Early in the season, both teams encountered problems and setbacks. Alyson Frank, a sophomore mathematics major, described the start of the women's fall session as "rocky."

"Some of the team needed to get paperwork in and weren't allowed to play at the beginning and others were hurt, so it was definitely chaotic and changed day-by-day," Frank said.

However, both teams overcame these setbacks and returned to a normal golf campaign for the first time since the 2018-19 school year. In fact, the Grove City Invitational on Sep. 11—the first competition for the women's team—turned out to be a great day for Frank.

"My first round [at Grove City] that day flowed so well. I chipped in on [hole] number 18, so that was really cool. My swing also felt really dialed in," Frank said.

"The PAC Championship has a really competitive field this year and our athletes battled with every shot."
– Samantha Firestone, head coach of men's and women's golf

Although both teams are no longer playing nor practicing for the rest of the semester, the men's and women's golf seasons are far from over.

"Golf is actually considered a spring sport, but we do have a split season between the fall and spring. We typically start competing again at the end of March," Firestone said.

The season is almost exactly a perfect 50-50 split between fall and spring; according to Frank, six matches are played in each of the semesters.

Though the teams will not meet up for sessions for now, they will return to practice at the start of the spring semester.

Team Standings

Women's Soccer

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	16	1	W10
Grove City	10	7	W4
Chatham	10	5	W3
W&J	10	8	L1
Waynesburg	8	8	L1
Franciscan	7	8	L4
Geneva	5	13	L3
Saint Vincent	5	11	L4
Thiel	4	11	L4
Bethany	4	12	L10

Schedule: End of Season

Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	Streak
Franciscan	10	5	L1
Westminster	12	7	L1
Grove City	9	8	W1
Chatham	9	7	W1
Bethany	8	7	W3
Geneva	6	9	L2
W&J	5	8	L1
Waynesburg	3	12	W2
Thiel	1	14	L8
Saint Vincent	2	15	L7

Schedule: End of Season

Women's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	26	4	W14
Chatham	19	7	W1
Bethany	16	10	W5
Grove City	19	11	W1
Thiel	11	19	L2
Geneva	13	17	L1
Saint Vincent	9	17	W1
Waynesburg	9	19	L9
W&J	3	22	L4
Franciscan	3	17	L5

Schedule: End of Season

Football

Team	W	L	Streak
W&J	7	1	W1
Car. Mellon	6	2	W5
Westminster	6	2	W3
Grove City	6	2	L1
Case Western	5	3	W3
Saint Vincent	4	4	L1
Geneva	3	5	W1
Bethany	1	7	L2
Waynesburg	1	7	L5
Thiel	0	8	L8

Schedule: @Westminster 11/6 1 PM

Women's Swimming

Team	W	L	Streak
Chatham	3	0	W3
Westminster	2	0	W2
Franciscan	2	1	W2
Saint Vincent	1	2	L1
W&J	1	2	L1
Grove City	0	0	T1
Bethany	0	2	L2

Schedule: @IUP 11/6 11 AM

Men's Swimming

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	1	1	W1
W&J	1	2	L1
Grove City	1	0	W1
Bethany	1	1	W1
Saint Vincent	0	2	L2
Chatham	0	3	L3

Schedule: @IUP 11/6 11 AM, @Grove City 11/13 1 PM

Men's Cross Country

Schedule: NCAA Regionals 11/13 11AM

Results: 2nd at Westminster, 2nd at Saint Vincent Invitational, 8th at Lehigh, 18th at Oberlin, 2nd at PAC Championships

Women's Cross Country

Schedule: NCAA Regionals 11/13 Noon

Results: 3rd at Westminster, 1st at Saint Vincent Invitational, 15th at Lock Haven, 20th at Lehigh, 26th at Oberlin, 7th at PAC Championships

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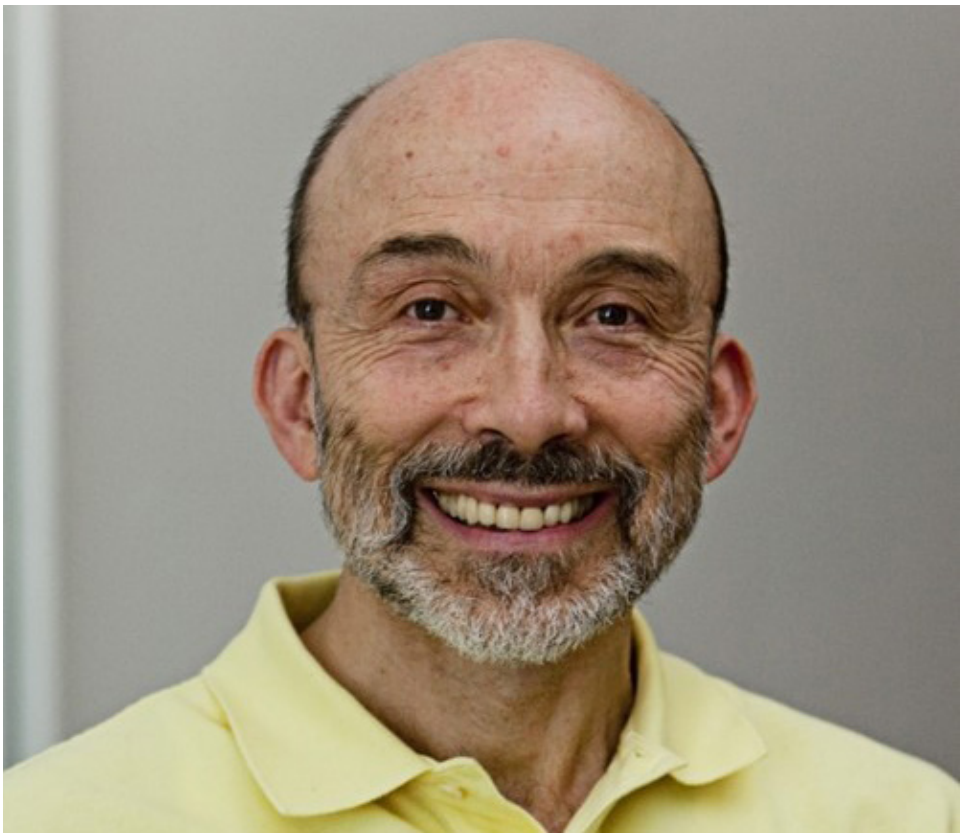
Economics enters SVC with Dr. Kohn

Sean Callahan, *Arts & Culture Editor*



Dr. Meir Kohn is a professor of economics at Dartmouth College and was the speaker for the Oct. 26 lecture. (SOURCE: STVINCENT.EDU)

Since the beginning of the fall semester, the lecture room of the Fred Rogers Center has been filled weekly with crowds of SVC students, staff and faculty members, leaning forward in their chairs to listen to visiting professors and speakers. One such speaker, Dr. Meir Kohn, professor of economics at Dartmouth college, presented for the 2021-2022 McKenna Economic Education Lecture series on Oct. 26 in the Fred Rogers Center.

The lecture, titled 'Commerce, Predation, and Economic Development,' discussed Kohn's upcoming book, which will develop a new theory of economic progress based on evidence of preindustrial Europe and China.

In the lecture opening, Kohn highlighted a distinct difference in his economic research method: he focuses on observation and study of economies rather than mathematics.

"Usually when people think of economic theory, they think of mathematical models," Kohn said. "I used to do theory that way, but I decided after many years that it was a total waste of time."

Dr. Zachary Davis, professor of economics at SVC, and the faculty member who invited Dr. Kohn to attend, said that Kohn's unconventional economic ideas was one of the reasons why he was invited to SVC.

Aleksandr Kraft, a senior economics, mathematics and business economics major, described Kohn's decision to avoid math as "unusual, yet remarkable." Kraft also said Kohn's lecture was the best he's ever attended at SVC, in part due to Kohn's "unique twist on traditional developmental economics." He appreciated the simplicity of the professor's talk.

"I thought Dr. Kohn's lecture was presented in a way that even the people with the least economic education could understand his theory," Kraft said.

Over the course of the presentation, Kohn presented his new theory and applied his theory for takeaways of economic development.

Kohn theorized that people make a living not only through production, but also through commerce—buying and selling things—and predation—using force to take things from others. He cited government as the main source of predation, due to the governmental tendency to intervene

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Student fascinated by speaker's economic perspective

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in economic affairs.

He explained that, while government intervention could provide good contributions to an economy, economic problems are better solved through nongovernment methods. He cited Canada as an example, since the country has had zero major economic crises, compared to the United States' 12 major crises. Kohn also concluded that opening a country to foreign trade requires both reducing tariffs and allowing easier access into the country.

"All the barriers to trade from developing countries are a huge barrier to development. For supply regions, you need markets in developing countries," Kohn said.

Kraft appreciated this specific point from Kohn because it related to his own studies in economics.

"While I have heard this many times in my economics courses at Saint Vincent, having a well-respected economist lecture about it was fascinating," Kraft said.

Dr. Timothy Burns, a professor of political science at Baylor University, will give the next McKenna School lecture on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is titled 'Aristotle's Politics, Book I: Is the City Truly By Nature?'

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- Aleksandr Kraft

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Interfaith possibilities on campus

Erin Brody, *Staff Writer*

Newest member of Campus Ministry, Reverend Clark Kerr. (SOURCE: KERR)

While Saint Vincent College is a Catholic institution, not all students, faculty and staff on campus share the same Catholic faith. Many members of the Saint Vincent community may follow a variety of religious beliefs, and some members may also follow no particular religion as well. But for those in the community who identify as Protestant, Campus Ministry has hired a new staff member: Rev. Clark Kerr.

"One of the things we're hoping to do is give the Protestant kids a chance to be a part of Campus Ministry," Kerr said. "I've heard that there's been some reluctance."

Fr. Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B. and director of Campus Ministry, has also done some research on students of other faiths.

"I want to reach the students that, for whatever reason, didn't really feel welcomed in Campus Ministry," Maxwell said.

To help accomplish this goal, Kerr is taking the time to meet with the student body.

"One of the opportunities [Kerr] has put together with me is Let's Talk, which would be sometime at lunch, any student that wants to chat with him has that opportunity to do that," Maxwell said.

Kerr has also started a Bible study called "Gospel in Life, Grace Changes Everything," which currently takes place on Wednesday evenings in the Bearcat Lounge. The study is a series of videos with segments that focus on a specific idea. The goal is to view the Bible with an emphasis on grace, without a Catholic-focused lens.

Kerr reported that there has been a small turnout for the Bible study sessions so far. The low attendance rate, according to Kerr, can be attributed to conflicting student schedules.

Maxwell also encouraged student involvement in the events hosted by Kerr.

"I want [students] to first and foremost know that he's there just as much as the monks are there," Maxwell said.

Kerr has voiced great interest in establishing "student ambassadors" as a part of his role in Campus Ministry while he gets acquainted with SVC.

"If I can get a few people who are Protestants, and we can kind of get something started, that would be terrific," Kerr said.

If anyone would like to participate as an ambassador or speak with him on different matters, Kerr can be reached at clark.kerr@stvincent.edu. He can also be contacted at his office on the Campus Ministry floor in the Carey Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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